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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of the Interior
The Secretary of Agriculture
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Transportation
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics and Space Council
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Director, National Reconnaissance Office
Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center ✓
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Administrator, Agency for International Development
Chief of Engineers, United States Army

SUBJECT: Transmittal of the ARGO Steering Committee Charter

The ARGO Steering Committee is an instrument by which utilization of classified reconnaissance systems and technology is made available to civil agencies. Attached to this memorandum is the ARGO Steering Committee Charter, the intent of which is to formalize the agreement reached by an exchange of letters in 1968 between the President's Science Adviser and the Secretaries and Directors of the member and liaison member organizations.

The Steering Committee has for the past two years been effective in presenting the needs of the civil agencies to the intelligence community, yet there are still many areas to be fully exploited. For example, photography being collected over the United States in support of the U. S. Geological Survey mapping program has also immediate potential for urban land use and geological engineering applications. The study of these and other applications, which are just commencing, offer benefits through direct use of current photography; as an aid in program development; and as a means of shaping future remote-sensing needs and the associated studies and systems.

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In addition, many data processing and handling techniques and equipments which have been developed in support of the intelligence community are available to the civil agencies to aid in the exploitation of photography of current classified and from eventual unclassified collection programs.

It is my belief that the achievement of the ARGO goals are essential if the Government is to realize the opportunities inherent in the resources which we possess and I hope you will encourage their imaginative use.

Science Adviser

Enclosure

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The ARGO Steering Committee serves as the focal point between the intelligence community and civil agencies to foster optimum utilization of the classified reconnaissance systems, technology, and products in fulfilling the requirements of the civil agencies.

- I. In order to achieve these purposes, the ARGO Steering Committee is currently composed of the following member, liaison and observer organizations:

Member Organizations

Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of the Interior
Department of State (AID)
Department of Transportation
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Office of the Chief of Engineers (Civil Works), U. S. Army
Office of Emergency Preparedness
Office of Science and Technology

Liaison Organizations

Defense Intelligence Agency
USIB Committee on Imagery Requirements and
Exploitation (COMIREX)
National Photographic Interpretation Center
National Reconnaissance Office

Observer Organizations

Office of Management and Budget
National Aeronautics and Space Council

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II. The Committee will:

- A. Synthesize, coordinate and consolidate ARGO members' data requirements;
- B. Forward ARGO members' requirements to the appropriate components of the intelligence community for action;
- C. Explore applications of systems and techniques developed by the intelligence community to determine the extent to which these systems and techniques may apply to ARGO members' needs, and sponsor pilot tests and issue reports on these tests, as appropriate;
- D. Provide a forum for the review of the civilian agencies' remote sensing research and development by the intelligence community as a whole;
- E. Provide a forum for discussion of problems and procedures relating to the security classification of reconnaissance technologies and products;
- F. Provide a channel to the intelligence community for requests from the civil agencies for personnel clearances relating to ARGO functions.

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